

SENATE RESOLUTION 27

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Marla Higginbotham on the occasion of her sixtieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Marla Higginbotham of Lenoir City will celebrate her sixtieth birthday on July 4, 2017, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Knoxville, Marla Higginbotham founded the non-profit organization Think Drug-Free America, Inc., in 1992, with the publication of her book, *Think Drug-Free America*; she also wrote and produced an educational play, *High-Impact: The Hype and Truth About Today's Most Prevalent Drugs*; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Higginbotham founded the Too Blessed 2 Be Stressed women's ministry in 2002; she hosts *Straight Talk Radio*, the *Marla in the Mornin* radio program, and the *Too Blessed 2 Be Stressed* television program; and

WHEREAS, for the last three years, Marla Higginbotham has had the privilege of traveling around the world to meet and interview people from all walks of life to share their stories; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Higginbotham exhibits her devout religious faith with fellowship at Honey Rock Victorious Church in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Marla Higginbotham is perhaps proudest of the love and support she shares with Donnie Higginbotham, her husband of more than twenty years, and her children, Moriah Higginbotham and Joshua Higginbotham; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Marla Higginbotham on the celebration of her sixtieth birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.